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Method of Vending Same**SUBSTITUTE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT INCLUDING CLEAN VERSION OF  
AMENDED CLAIM 13**

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Please cancel and replace claim 13 with the following clean version of amended claim 13:

13. A method for the rental of a portable bleacher chair as specified in claim 1, the method being used for events having bleacher seating, the method being for rental to a customer attending said event, which method comprises:

- (a) providing an inventory of bleacher chairs at a location proximate to said event, each said bleacher chair comprising a unique identification means for uniquely identifying each said bleacher chair, said identification means being laser scannable into a computer;
- (b) providing a computer means for digitally storing the unique identification means for each bleacher chair;

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- (c ) providing a credit card scanning means for scanning the renter's credit card and obtaining a set of data therefrom when the renter checks out a bleacher chair, the computer means matching the data to the unique identification means for the bleacher chair rented;
- (d) the computer means further having a signature capture means for electronically capturing said renter's signature authorizing a transaction, the computer means further having a wireless digital phone connection means for sending and receiving credit card data and a printing means for printing a receipt of said transaction;
- (e) providing a means for electronically charging and releasing a monetary deposit for said bleacher chair rental; and,
- (f) releasing the deposit by scanning the unique identification means associated with said bleacher chair upon its return to inventory.